

Appl. No. 10/673,358  
Response dated October 18, 2004  
Reply to Office Action of July 28, 2004

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please amend the priority claim paragraph added by the preliminary amendment dated September 26, 2003, as follows:

**RELATED APPLICATIONS:**

This application is a continuation of co-pending Application No. 10/310,203, filed Dec. 4, 2002, which is a division of Application No. 09/022,869, filed February 12, 1998, now Patent No. 6562037 ~~and is related to co-pending Application No. 10/310,203.~~